





## To-day's Advertisements.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.  
No. 200.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of SALE OF CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on MONDAY, the 16th day of June, 1896, at 4 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,  
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
Colonial Secretary.  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 30th May, 1896. 1168

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction, to be held on MONDAY, the 16th day of June, 1896, at 4 p.m., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 99 years.

## Particulars of the Lot.

Registry Locality	Boundary Measure	Area	Value
Inland	South	100 ft. by 100 ft.	100
Lot	100	100	100
No. 100	100	100	100

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

## SECOND CLEARANCE SALE OF THE HONGKONG TRADING CO.

## LADIES' DRAPERY GOODS, &amp;c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

**FRIDAY,**  
the 12th June, 1896,  
And

**SATURDAY,**  
the 13th June, each day commencing at 2.30 p.m., at the PREMISES of the HONGKONG TRADING CO.

## THE ENTIRE STOCK OF LADIES' DRAPERY GOODS, &amp;c.

consisting of

SILKS, WOOL DRESS FABRICS, PRINTS, ZEPHYRS, UNDERWEAR, HOSIERY, BOOTS AND SHOES, LACES, RIBBONS, EMBROIDERIES, BABY LINEN, SUN HATS, SUNSHADES, SHAWLS, FANS, HATS, MILLINERY, FEATHERS, FLOWERS, HATBANDS, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale.

On View from Thursday, the 11th June.

Terms of Sale.—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMBERT,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, June 8, 1896. 1175

## TO LET.

## 5-ROOMED BUNGALOW 'BHEDA' BOHMAN ROAD.

Under the management of the Hon. Mr. J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, No. 22, Praya West.

Hongkong, June 8, 1896. 1177

## THE COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## TYPHOON INSURANCE.

THE above Company are prepared to accept RISKS ON BUILDINGS against Loss or Damage by Typhoons, at Moderate Rates.

For Particulars, apply to

Wm. MACBEAN,  
Local Manager,  
HONGKONG BRANCH,  
No. 2, Duddell Street.

Hongkong, June 8, 1896. 1169

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. *Chelydra* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after Noon of the 11th Inst. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, June 8, 1896. 1176

## CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR TIEN-SIN.

The Steamship *Kueiyang*, Capt. OVERSTREET, will be despatched for TIEN-SIN, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, June 8, 1896. 1182

## FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship *Arcton*, Capt. J. B. HANSEN, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 11th Instant, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, June 8, 1896. 1161

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## FOR SHANGHAI.

The Co.'s Steamship *Waku*, Capt. VANDERMAN, will be despatched for SHANGHAI, on MONDAY, the 9th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, June 8, 1896. 1166

## OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

## FOR SAIGON.

The Steamship *Centaur*, Capt. WILLIAMS, will be despatched for SAIGON, on MONDAY, the 9th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, June 8, 1896. 1165

## FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship *Nagasaki*, Capt. F. W. SCHULZ, will be despatched for SHANGHAI, on MONDAY, the 9th Instant, at 4 p.m., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, June 8, 1896. 1164

## CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY &amp; MELBOURNE.

The Steamship *Whampoa*, Capt. WILLIAMS, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 19th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, June 8, 1896. 1167

## FOR NEW YORK.

The S.S. *A.T. American Ship*, Capt. SMALL, will load here for the above Port and will have quick dispatch.

For Freight, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, June 8, 1896. 1170

## U. S. Mail Line.

## PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

## VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, via Yokohama, Kobe, and Honolulu, to San Francisco, on

PERU (via Nagasaki), Koko, Island Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu, SUNDAY, July 12, at daylight.

City of Peking, Koko, Island Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu, WEDNESDAY, July 29, at noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship *CHINA* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, on THURSDAY, the 25th June, at Noon, calling at Yokohama, Kobe, and Honolulu.

Passengers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; and the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of \$4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

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Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Navy, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japanese Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until the day previous to sailing. *Parcel Packages* will be received at the office until 5 p.m., same day; all *Parcel Packages* should be marked to address in full, value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco to the United States, and to be sent to the Company's Office in London, or to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency at the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,  
Agent.

Hongkong, June 8, 1896. 1171

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

*HANLAN*, British ship, Captain Robt. Johnston.—Blended Oil Co.

## Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination	Vessels	Agents	Date of Leaving
Australian Ports	Whampoa (s)	Butterfield & Swire	June 10, at 3 p.m.
Bremen & Ports of Call	Prinz Heinrich (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	June 23, at 9 a.m.
Havre, B'g & London	Carinthia (s)	Carmanthonsheire (s)	June 27, at noon
London, v. Suez Canal	Verona (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	June 15, at noon
London, v. Suez Canal	Manila (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	June 16, at noon
London, v. Suez Canal	Rosetta (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	June 17, at noon
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They themselves had taken up arms against the Government, and only laid them down under compulsion. It was kindness and generous treatment to let such men out on bail, however restricted, etc. And when I objected that these charges had yet to be proved against the prisoners, he scoffed at what he evidently regarded as unworthy hair-splitting.

"We have got the rifles of the Johannesburgers here in Pretoria," and he raised his deep, rough voice menacingly, "and they are marked as Jameson's rifles were marked, 'B. S. A.," and yet we are blamed for treating the conspirators and rebel and raiders better than such men were ever treated be-

and he came without a check of correction in indignant tones. I understood why the people praised Kruger's preaching. The man is a born orator. And his case was very strong. I could find nothing of weight to oppose his arguments, and so I changed from slithering: "Please do not take what I say as an attack for me. All Englishmen must be better than you, because I am not only wanted to be flawless, perfect, I said."

The old man's features lightened. He was evidently more malleable to flattery than to opposition. A curious sort of twinkle dawned in his eye, small gray, as he went on: "When the guilt of these Johannesburgers is established, it can be denied by none, then it will be time enough to say that we are not vindictive." This royal "we" astonishes by its appropriateness. Paul Kruger uses it in all simplicity, identifying himself unconsciously with his people.

The half promise was too valuable to be exposed to the risk of further discussion, but his guests were not so easily to be kept. "You should accept Mr. Chamberlain's invitation to go to England, Mr. President. You would have a wonderful reception, and I feel sure that all the points at issue would soon be settled when you

were built traps to raise." The little girl who prophesied me. Evidently he was growing suspicious. "The English Government," he said at length, "has behaved very generously to me. It publishes messages to me that never reached me, and treats us as if we had been the party who broke the convention and behaved outrageously. Yet what can I ask? It is reasonable and just. But what I all ask is compensation. We shall have to support the families of the four Boers who were murdered by raiders, and the wounded will have to receive some compensation. We are told that we should not claim indemnity because England did not claim indemnity a year ago when we were burnt out of our last stronghold. There are the quibbles of a pittinginging lawyer. The Zulus came across our frontiers and stole the cattle of our burghers. We followed and punished them, treating their leaders as independent chiefs; and now the English Government compares our delinquencies with theirs. Jamson's raid upon a civilized and friendly community, is a civilized treatment?"

'Secondly, we want to incorporate Swaziland with the Transvaal. We have half got Swaziland; let us have it without restrictions, and our Kaffers will say: "Perhaps Oom Paul was right." At any rate we got something for giving up Jameson instead of punishing him. But the British Government seems determined to ask everything

and give nothing. And lastly, we wanted a formal guarantee we should not be raided again; that our independence would be respected by England. I said, if these things could be freely and fully discussed I would accept Mr Chamberlain's invitation and go to England. We are told that these matters cannot be discussed unless we, on our side, are prepared to discuss the "admission"

grievances of the Outlanders in the Transvaal." That is monstrous. First of all, there are "no admitted grievances" in the Transvaal (the old man's voice had dropped to a growl). That I'll prove to you directly. And if there were, what right has England to interfere after promising solemnly in the 1884 convention that she would not interfere in the internal affairs of the Transvaal?

"Mr Chamberlain has interfered from the beginning in our internal affairs, just as if we had been the raiders and not the raided. We hear of nothing but "Outlander grievances" and now of "admitted grievances," Ail lies. There are no grievances. Oh, yes, you do not believe me, but I will prove it to you. First of all these Outlanders are a

'Ah, but they cannot vote for President or members of the highest Volkraad,' I could not help interjecting, 'and the resolutions of the lower Volkraad can be ignored by the upper Raad. With such restrictions there is no citizenship.'

**AUSTRIA DOESN'T LIKE MCKINLEY.**  
**London, May 9.**—The Vienna correspondent of the Times says McKinley's candidacy for the Presidency of the United States has created a bad impression on the Bourne there; **THE 'CONSTITUTOR'S' CREW.**  
**New York, May 11.**—The Herald's Washington special says: With the action of the Spanish Government in the

Government in postponing the execution of the sentence of death imposed upon the members of the Competitors' crew, announced to-day, the extreme gravity of the situation has disappeared for the present, at least. This action was taken after most urgent representation on the part of this Government respecting the treaty provisions, which, it was contended applied to the case.

ing incident. Spain's reply gives the United States an opportunity to present its views as to the application of the treaty of 1795 and the protocol of 1877 to the cases of the Americans under arrest. With the receipt of this information from Spain the fears held by the Administration officials of the immediate execution of the prisoners have been somewhat allayed.

**GERMAN TAX ON THE SUGAR OUTPUT.**  
Berlin, May 11.—The Reichstag to-day, after discussing the sugar taxation bill, adopted a proposal to fix the total of the output for the year at 17,000,000 double centners instead of 14,000,000 double centners, as proposed by the Government.

Paris, May 11.—The final returns from the municipal elections are: Republicans, 234; Radicals and Socialists, 85; Conservatives, 20.

DEATH OF THE OLDEST SURGEON AND FREEMASON IN THE WORLD.

London, May 11.—Dr Salmon, the oldest Freemason in the world, is dead. He was











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Dangerous or perishable goods, articles likely to injure the Mails, Liquids (unless securely packed) or parcels easily crushed, such as band-boxes, are prohibited. No Parcel can be received if its value exceeds \$500. A Parcel may contain a letter to the same address as the Parcel itself, or another enclosed Parcel to the same address. No other enclosures are allowed.  
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